

the stars high overhead in the clear sky. In the south is a smouldering aurora arch, which from time to time sends up streamers; a constant, restless flickering.

"We have been talking a little about this expedition, Sverdrup and I. When we were out on the ice in the



A SNOW-SHOE EXCURSION (OCTOBER, 1894)

(From a Photograph)

afternoon he suddenly said, 'Yes, next October you will, perhaps, not be on board the *Fram*.' To which I had to answer that, unless the winter turned out badly, I probably should not. But still I cannot believe in this rightly myself.